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Re: Conference opinion on coho salmon and steelhead

Dear Messieurs:

On September, 26, 1996, the National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS) completed a biological opinion on ongoing and proposed actions (through 12/31/96) on the Umpqua, Siskiyou, and Siuslaw National Forests and the Roseburg, Medford, and Coos Bay Bureau of Land Management (BLM) Districts. Actions covered by this biological opinion were those determined by the level 1 team as "likely to adversely affect" (LAA), and determined by NMFS as not likely to jeopardize the continued existence of Umpqua River cutthroat trout (*Onchorynchus clarki clarki*). NMFS considers these effects determinations for the projects included in this biological opinion to be the same for coho and steelhead, thus the 9/26/96 biological opinion is also a conference opinion for these two proposed species.



If you have any questions please contact lance Smith at (503) 231-2307 or Ron Lindland at (503)231-2315.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elizabeth Holmes Gaar', with a stylized, flowing script.

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